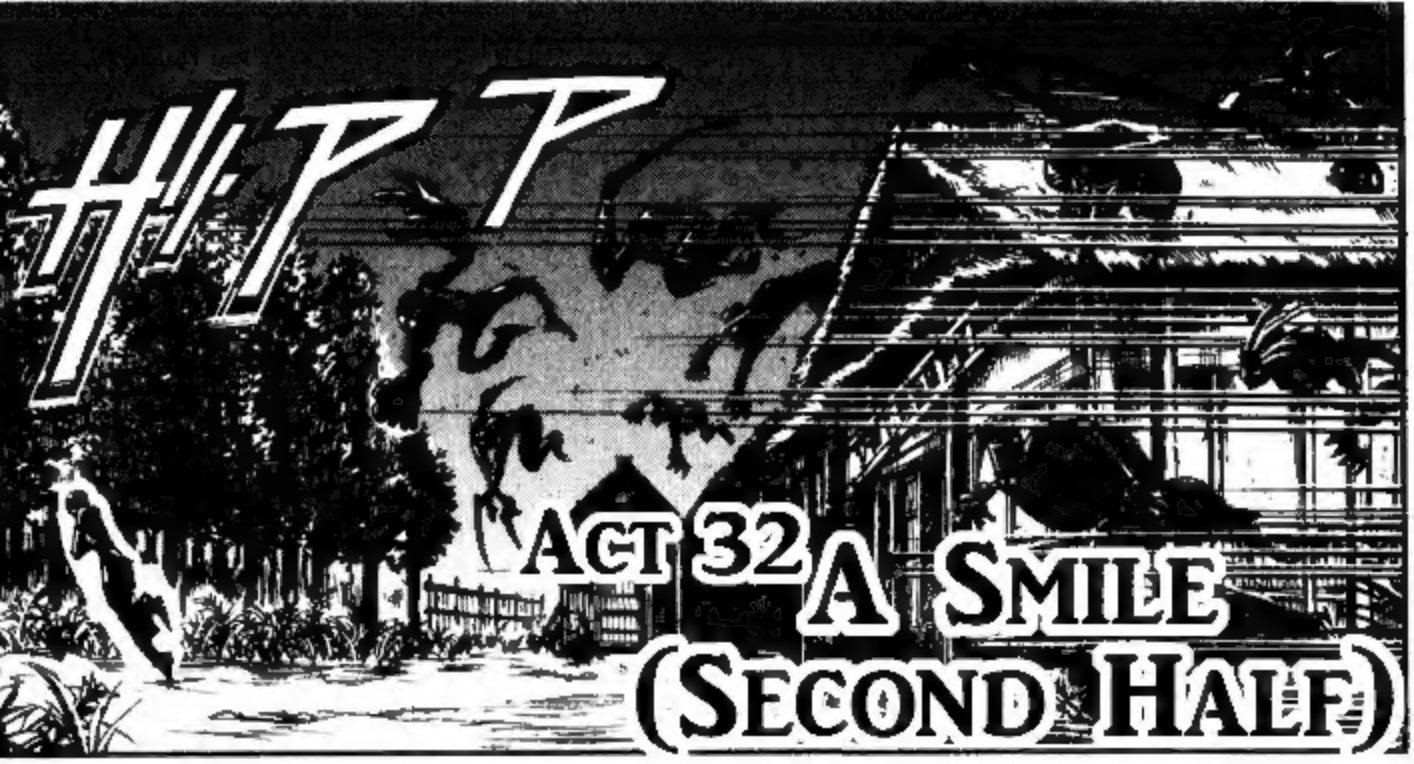
ACT 32 A SMILE (SECOND HALF)

IDIOT! WE'RE NOT LETTIN' ANYONE GET AWAY!

WE'LL KILL YOU AND SNATCH IT UP...!
WE GOTTA HAVE THAT STONE!

IT MUST BE THE SOFT STONE!
SHE'S MAKIN' FOR THE MOUNTAIN WITH SOMETHIN' IN HER ARMS!

SHE'S AN AUTO-MATON JUST LIKE US...!
PLOT TWIST! THAT AIN'T NO HUMAN!
うぁぁん
SFX: CRYING
SFX: RUNNING
THAT'S NOT EVEN THE SOFT STONE! IT WAS JUST A BABY THE WHOLE TIME?!
DO NOT CRY, ELEONORE. EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.

YOU MEAN... TO KILL THIS CHILD?
LET'S KNOCK 'EM OFF AND GET BACK.
BAH, JUST A WASTE OF TIME.
THIS CHILD, OVER WHOM ADULTS HAVE TAKEN SUCH PAINS ...!
THIS CHILD BORN INTO THE WORLD THROUGH SUCH STRUGGLE AND DES-PERATION!
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THIS CHILD CANNOT EVEN THINK YET, NOR CAN SHE ACT ON HER OWN.
SO WHAT ?!

DAMMIT, SHE'S FASTER THAN SHE LOOKS!
ZOOM
ZOOM

SHE WILL SPEND THE NEXT TEN TO TWENTY YEARS LEARNING HOW TO LIVE ON HER OWN...
THIS CHILD WILL GO HUNGRY UNLESS ADULTS GIVE HER MILK, AND SHE NEEDS ADULTS TO TAKE CARE OF HER WASTE.

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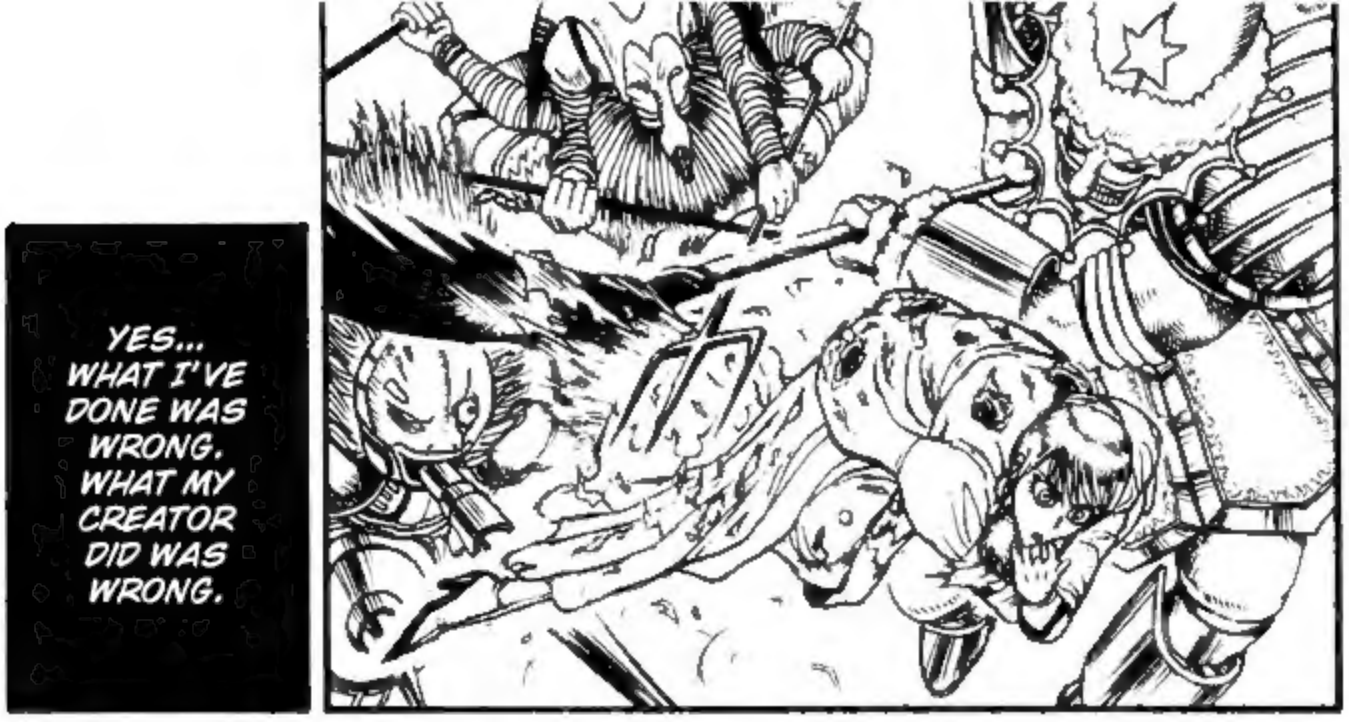
WHAT'S THIS FOOL GOING ON ABOUT?!

WOULD REDUCE HER TO NOTHING IN A SINGLE MOMENT ?!

YOU, WHOSE BODIES ARE COMPLETED IN TWO DAYS...

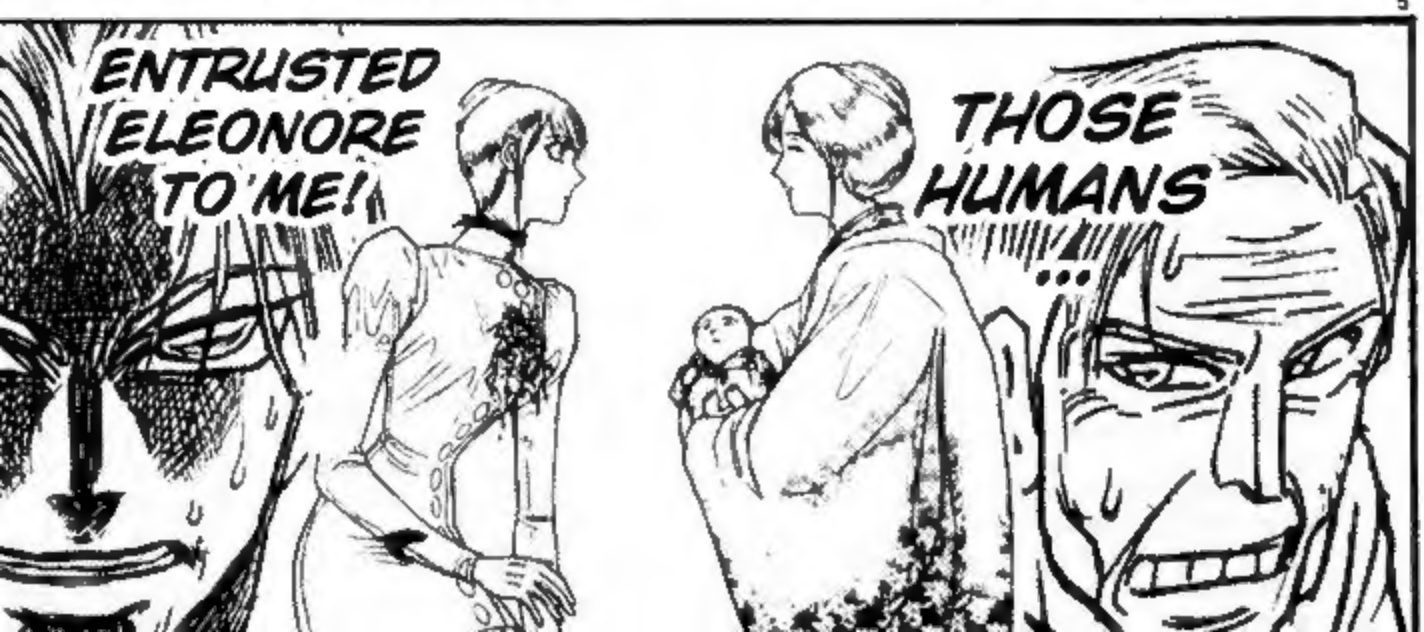

YES... WHAT I'VE DONE WAS WRONG. WHAT MY CREATOR DID WAS WRONG.

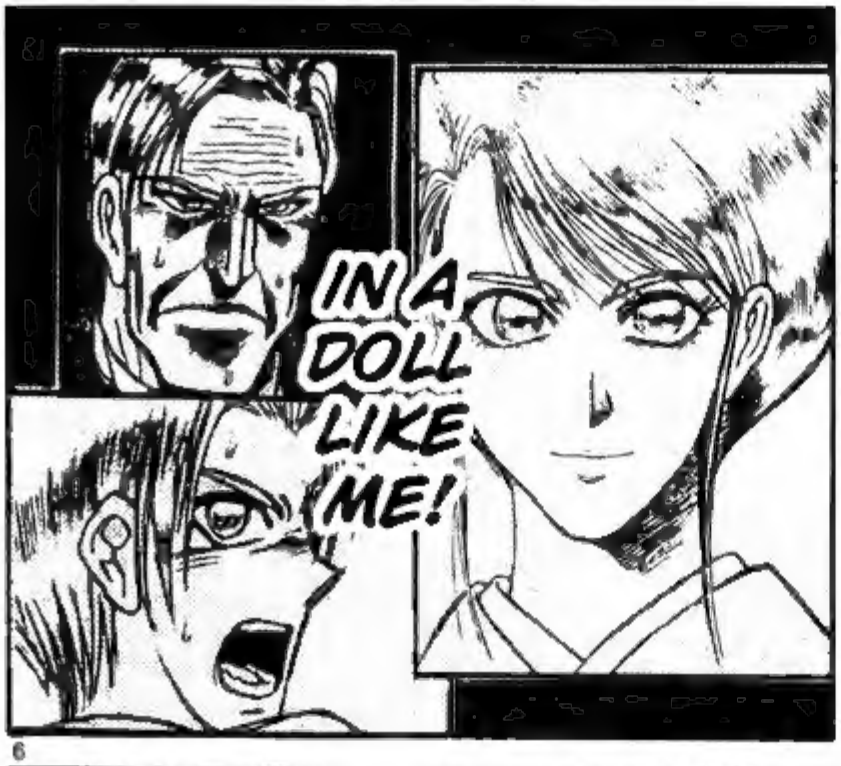
TO REACH ADULT-HOOD.
BUT EACH AND EVERY HUMAN GOES THROUGH SO MUCH ...

WE HAVE HURT AND KILLED MANY HUMANS ...

BUT...

WHAT A TERRIBLE CREATURE I HAVE BEEN.


ENTRUSTED ELEONORE TO ME!
THOSE HUMANS ...



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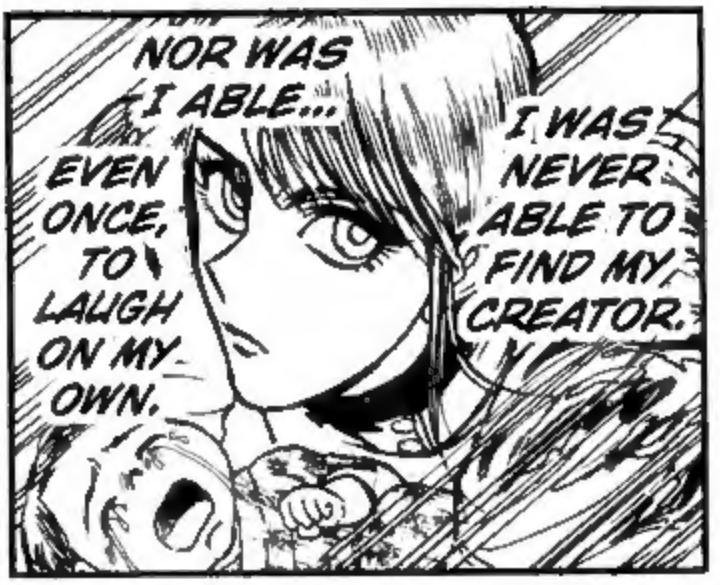
SFX: THUD

SFX: RIPPING

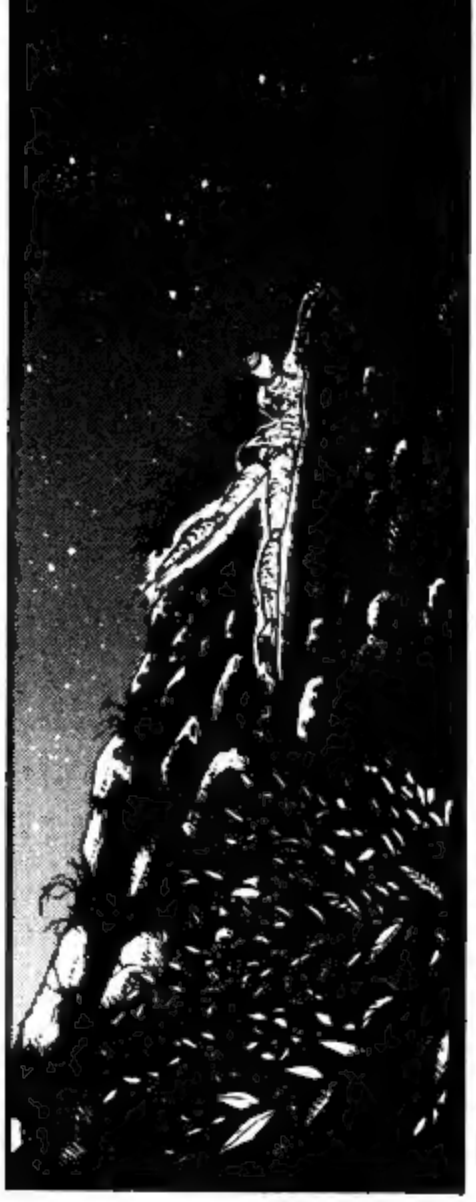
IS MORE IM-POR-TANT THAN I AM!
BUT RIGHT NOW, THIS CHILD ...

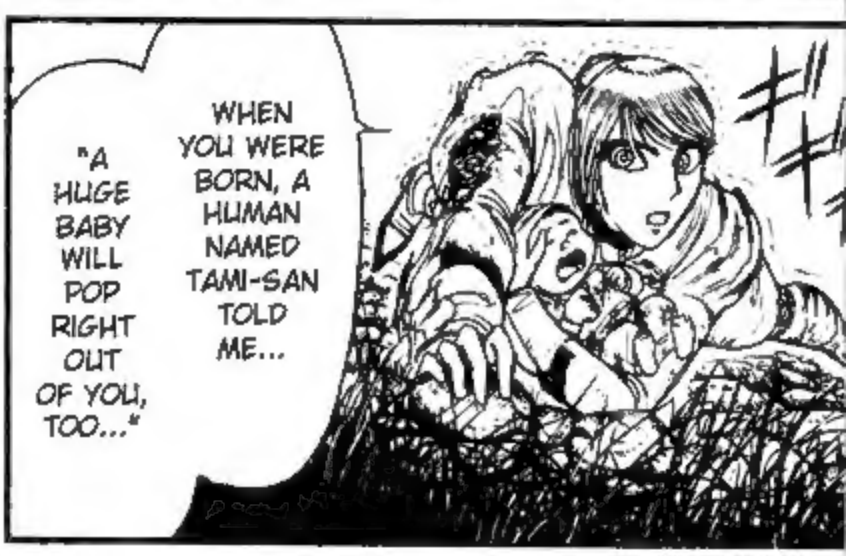

NOR WAS I ABLE...
EVEN ONCE, TO LAUGH ON MY OWN.
I WAS NEVER ABLE TO FIND MY CREATOR.

SUCH A NICE WORD.
BABY ...
BABY ...

MORE THAN I DO!
THE BABY MAT-TERS ...

MAT-TERS MORE THAN I DO!
THE BABY ...





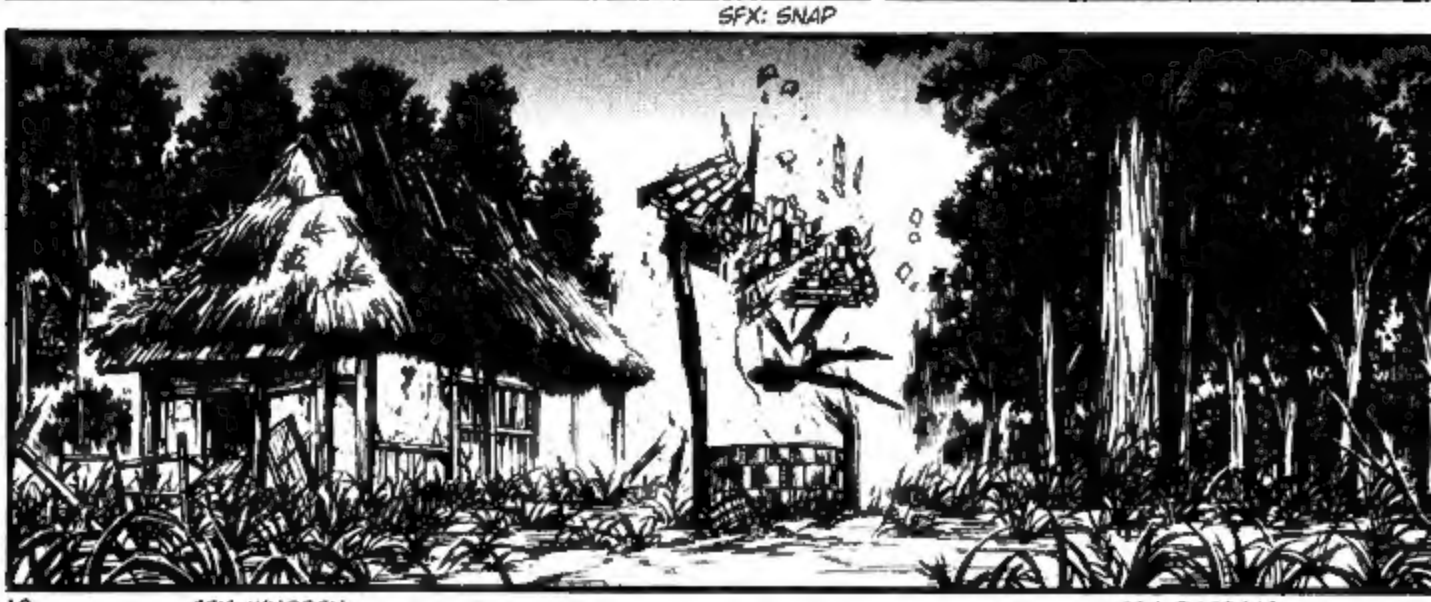
8 SFX: GRIP SFX: SNAP SFX: CREAKING

IN THIS BRIEF TIME, I HAVE BECOME CONVINCED, FROM EVERYTHING THE HUMANS HAVE TAUGHT ME...
THAT I CAN NEVER BECOME HUMAN.
AN AUTOMATON WISHING FOR A HUMAN BABY...
THE SHEER FOOLISHNESS MUST SURELY BE WORTH A LAUGH, ELEONORE.

BUT NOW...
THAT DOES NOT MAKE ME DESPAIR AS IT ONCE DID.
I WOULD HAVE TO SMILE, GENUINELY ...
AND I CANNOT.

I'VE GOT TO HURRY AND ESCAPE!
HURRY ...
AND GET AS FAR FROM THEM AS I POSSIBLY CAN!
FAR AWAY!

SFX: SNAP



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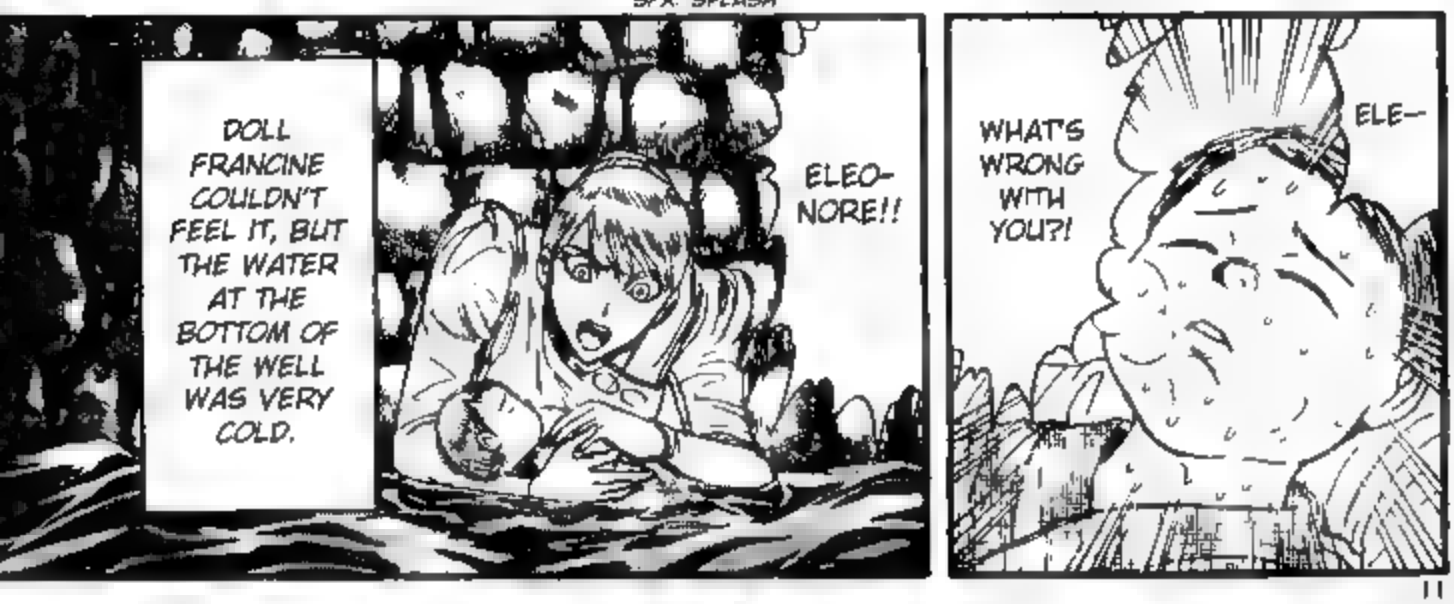
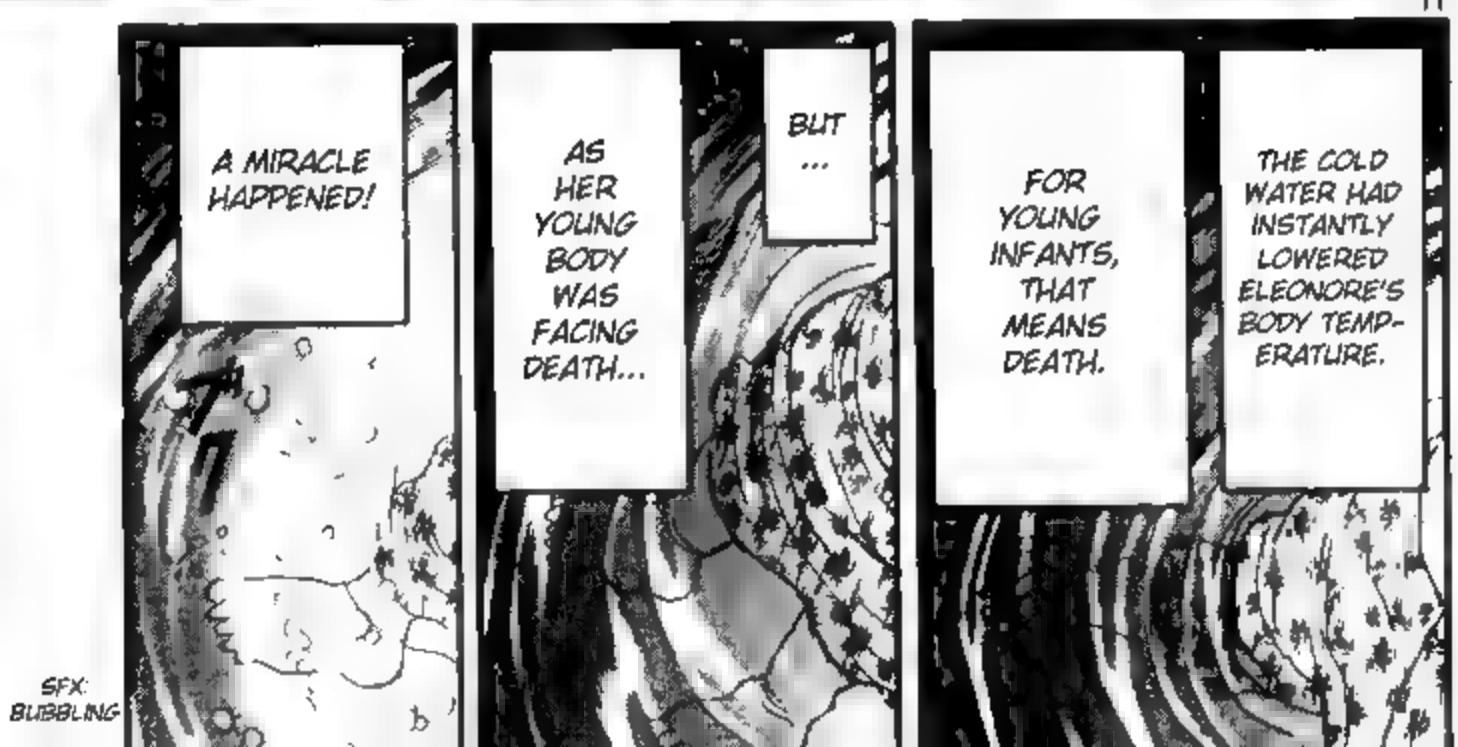
SFX: WHOOSH

SFX: RATTLING

ELEO-
NORE, ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?!
SFX. SPLASH


DOLL
FRANCINE
COULDN'T
FEEL IT, BUT
THE WATER
AT THE
BOTTOM OF
THE WELL
WAS VERY
COLD.
ELEO-
NORE!!
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
YOU?!
ELE—


A MIRACLE
HAPPENED!
AS
HER
YOUNG
BODY
WAS
FACING
DEATH...
BUT
...
FOR
YOUNG
INFANTS,
THAT
MEANS
DEATH.
THE COLD
WATER HAD
INSTANTLY
LOWERED
ELEONORE'S
BODY TEMP-
ERATURE.
SFX:
BUBBLING

THE WATER WHERE ELEO-NORE WENT UNDER ...
IS TUR-NING THE COLOR OF ROSES ?!
ELEO-NORE...
WH-WHAT ?!
!
SFX: BUBBLING
SFX: SIZZLING
THIS FLOWS THROUGH MY OWN BODY... THE ELIX R THAT CAN HEAL ANY HUMAN ILLNESS...
I KNOW THIS LIQUID.
THIS ...
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SFX: FLINCH
AQUA VITAE !!
SFX: UWAAAN: LOUD BAWLING

SFX: SIZZLING
IT MUST HAVE ACTIVATED TO SAVE YOU FROM DANGER.
THE SOFT STONE IS INSIDE YOU.
OF COU-RSE ...

SFX HEAVY SIZZLING
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL HOLD YOU UP.
NO...! AQUA VITAE CAN DISSOLVE ANYTHING ...!
SFX LOSING BALANCE

JUST WAIT, ELEO-NORE!
THOSE KIND PEOPLE WILL COME AND RESCUE YOU.

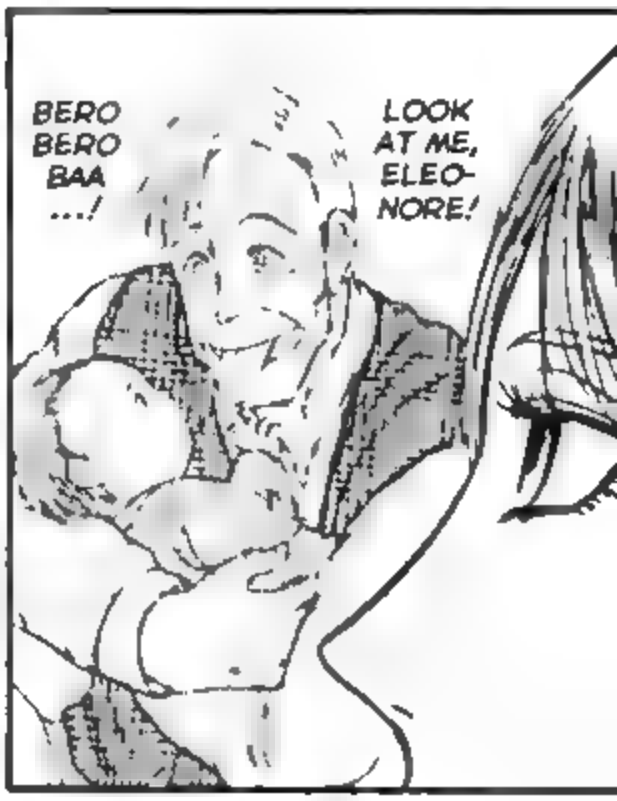
AH ...!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD HER UP ...
SFX: LOSING BALANCE
SFX: HEAVY SIZZLING

PLEASE SAVE THIS CHILD!
GOD ...
BUT PLEASE SAVE ELEO-NORE!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I NEVER BECOME HUMAN!

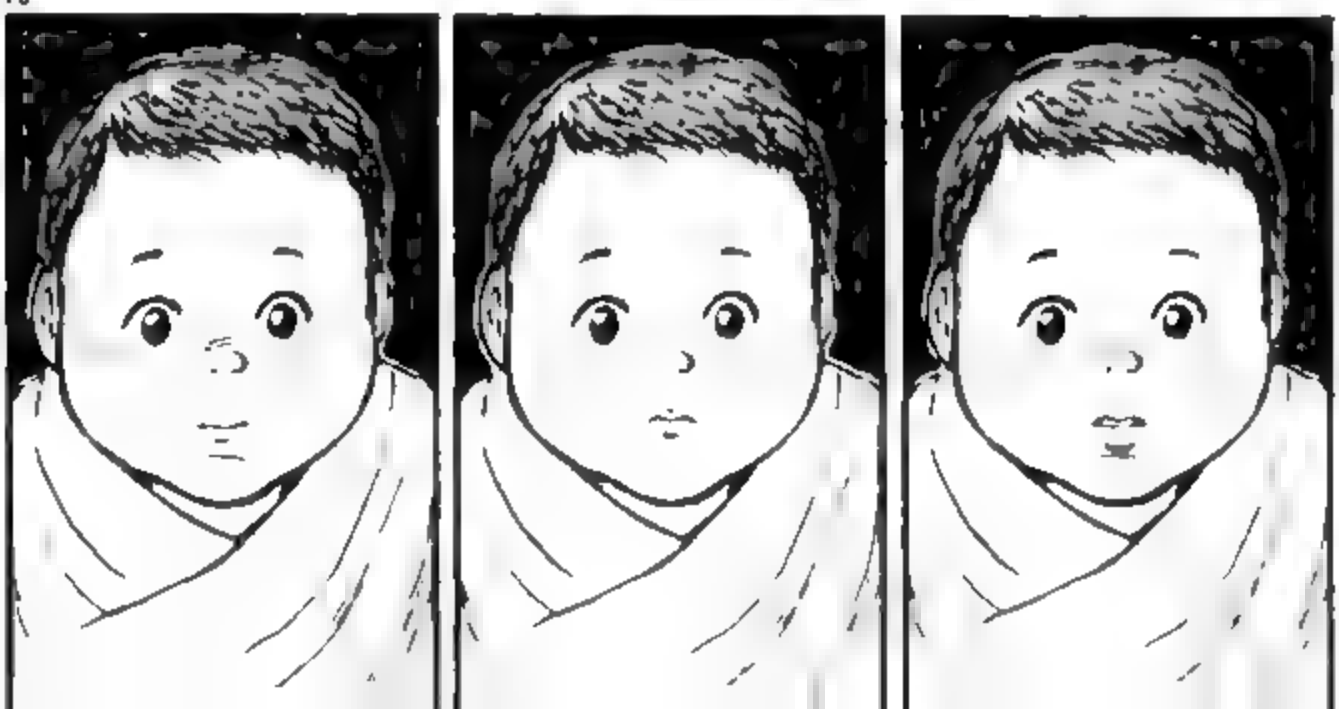
AH ...
WHAT SHOULD I DO... WHAT CAN I DO?
YOU MUST BE FRIGHTENED, AND HURT... BUT PLEASE, DON'T CRY!
POOR THING... I'M SORRY. I'M ABOUT TO FALL.
SFX: TEARS PATTERING

O GOD IN THY KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ABOVE
BESTOW SOME SMALL MERCY, ONE DAY BY AND BY
MY DEAR LITTLE GIRL; ROCK-A-BYE, LITTLE LOVE
LIKE A LEAF ON THE WIND DOTH HER LITTLE BED SWAY
UPON HER; UPON ALL OF US
UNDER THIS SKY
WHERE ARE THEY?!
THEY AIN'T HERE!

BERO BERO ...
BAA.


BERO BERO BAA ...!
LOOK AT ME, ELEO-NORE!

HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN, ELEO-NORE?
DON'T CRY ANYMORE. LOOK AT ME.



HEE HEE

A TERRIBLE... SCARY DOLL LIKE ME...?

I'VE MADE ELEO-NORE LAUGH ...?
SHE'S LAUGH-ING...

L-LOOK AT ME, ELEO-NORE... BERO BERO...

BAA
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WHAT A...
NICE FEEL-ING.

I CAN SEE THE STARS ...

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